

Licata Amendment 2

Exhibit 1, the seventh full paragraph on page 6, is amended as follows:

We support changes to the Fair Tenant Screening Act and reducing the costs of tenant screening reports for prospective tenants and providing for fairness in eviction reporting. We also support expanding protections against discrimination based on a renter's source of income and aligning state and federal law to ensure housing access for disabled residents with service animals.

Rationale:

- The first clause is to address the fact that tenant screening companies report all eviction lawsuits as equal, even lawsuits that have been settled to the landlord's satisfaction or when the tenant has won in court. The tenant could have been wrongfully named, the tenant could have been a victim of their landlord's foreclosure, or the tenant could have won. No matter the outcome, tenants have a mark on their record, making accessing a rental home in the future much more difficult. This legislation seeks to mandate tenant screening reports that are fair & accurate & that don't report all eviction records as equal.
- The second clause would extend to Washington State a protection the Seattle tenants currently have under our own laws. The protection helps ensure that tenants who receive section 8, social security, or other forms of income are not denied housing or otherwise discriminated against in their housing because of their source of income.
- These both are requests of the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, supported by OIR.